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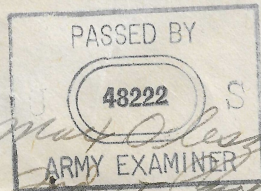


MR + MRS U.C. HOLMES

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Somewhere in FRANCE
JAN 20, 1945

Dear Mother + Folks

How is the old home today? I am still in this M. P. outfit. It isn't a bad outfit but I guess I'll never like being an M. P. we work all sorts of hours + don't get much rest. Of course it is a racket compared with the front lines. The trouble with this outfit is that we probably will be over here for a year or two after the war is over, where as if I were lucky enough to be still going when it's all over I might get home in three or four months. That if I were up on the front lines.

I received 6 letters today. Two from mother, one written Dec 19 + one on Christmas. Two from Marion written on Christmas + Dec 20th. I also each from El + Em. I have got just one Christmas gift as yet. It was that fruit cake which Marion sent.

We have had quite a bit of snow in the past two weeks. Some does look a lot like New England. First thing a snow I have seen for two

years. Glad that Santa was so good to everyone. Christmas was just another day over here.

News from the front is getting much better. A lot of people back home only knew what they are going through, but they will never know & I guess they don't want to know. I don't feel right being back here, but I guess I've done my part at least for a while.

Some to hear about the big fire. When I get home one thing I won't do is go chasing fires. Have seen enough of homes being ruined & men being killed.

Please try & send the Call news. I also got letter from Lois & Bala. Please thank them for me. Will write them when I get a chance.

Somewhere in France

Jan 20, 1945

Sorry that my letter did not get
home in time for you to get
Mother & Dad ~~to get~~ a Christmas
present ~~to them~~

Glad F.H.S. is having a
good year. Old Henry Peane
really has them moving. Here
a swell coach & I know the
boys really like to play under
them.

I have picked up quite a bit of
French & a little German in
the past 7 months. Marion may
know her English but when it
comes to French that's where
I star.

Say hello to all my friends back
home. Must close for now

Love to all
"Dick"